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ABSTRACT

Young people's legal rights have expanded dramatically in the past 25 years, but many times these rights are abridged. This publication informs teens, teachers, high school counselors, and parents of the lawful rights of minors in the 1990s. In a question-and-answer format, the book covers the expanding rights of young people at home, at school, on the job, and behind the wheel. Also discussed are teen's constitutional rights in juvenile court. Legal rights relating to teen sex, including birth control, abortion, marriage, and homosexuality are also addressed. Among other issues covered are minors' rights in parents' divorce proceedings, minors' property rights, entering into contracts, and advice on using the law. A number of safety concerns such as protection from physical and sexual abuse are discussed along with information on the laws governing alcohol and drug use. A reading list appears at the end of each chapter. The work contains a section on how to find the law, a 10-page glossary of legal terms, a list of child protective agencies and national organizations assisting young people in legal matters, and pertinent tables and charts of minors' rights in the individual states. (RJM)

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